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1 WHEREAS, the hospitals care for New Mexicans from every
2 county in the state; and

3 WHEREAS, in 2002, the hospitals admitted twenty-five
4 thousand patients from around the state and experienced nearly
5 six hundred ninety-five thousand clinic visits; and

6 WHEREAS, more than three thousand seven hundred babies
7 were delivered to New Mexico parents at the hospitals last
8 year; and

9 WHEREAS, the hospitals maintain the state's only level one
10 trauma center, which treated more than fifteen thousand trauma
11 patients last year; and

12 WHEREAS, the children's psychiatric center cares for New
13 Mexico's children suffering from the most devastating mental
14 illnesses; and

15 WHEREAS, Carrie Tingley hospital provides outstanding
16 specialized care for children with musculo-skeletal and other
17 diseases; and

18 WHEREAS, the cancer research and treatment center treats
19 more than two thousand new victims of cancer each year; and

20 WHEREAS, the hospitals serve as the state's only teaching
21 hospitals and provide an educational setting for three hundred
22 medical students, four hundred fifty medical residents, five
23 hundred nursing students, two hundred pharmacy students and two
24 hundred thirty allied health professions students; and

25 WHEREAS, the hospitals' lifeguard helicopter is one of the

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1 nation's busiest hospital helicopters; and

2 WHEREAS, the hospitals' fixed wing service flies more
3 critical patients each month and a larger variety of patients
4 than any other fixed wing service in the United States;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the university of New Mexico hospitals
7 and the men and women who work there be recognized for their
8 countless hours of skillful and compassionate service to their
9 fellow New Mexicans; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the members of the board of regents of the
12 university of New Mexico.